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going to go away quietly or willingly into that good night, and I hope that I can fill your nights with nightmares so that you will look at some of these things differently from the way you do now. We've been told once again that the Game and Parks Commission does not intend to raise these fees, so when are the parks going to fall into disrepair? They didn't get what they wanted last session and they haven't fallen into disrepair. We've got people standing on the floor now telling us they're going to fall into disrepair if they don't get this, but we're also told that the intent is not to raise these fees. Who do we believe? I believe them about as much as I believe George W. Bush, and I believe him...I won't tell you how little confidence I have in what he says. But he knows that America is a nation of sheep, so he says anything and they swallow it. And the Game and Parks Commission knows that, by and large, on these issues the Legislature is a group of sheep. And I've said it so many times you're probably tired of hearing me say it; if only once a flock of sheep could behave like a pride of lions. But it won't happen here. Somebody else had stated that a flock of sheep...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...led by a lion would do better in a battle than a pride of lions led by a sheep, because the leader sets the tone. I am not a sheep, and Game and Parks knows that, but they know there are enough others who are so that they can get their way, but they're not going to get it easy...easily. But what difference does it make to them? They sit out there. They drink coffee if they want to. They can go wherever they want to, because this Legislature is on automatic pilot. It's been given its orders. But I want to...I want us to get to some of those other bills where we are going to be divided--a lot on one side, a lot on the other side, and I'm standing in the middle. And maybe there will be a majority...

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...on one side, but there may not be a supermajority. Thank you, Mr. President. I would ask for a call of the house,...